

**California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care
Public Hearing on Draft Recommendations**

May 12, 2008

10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Auditorium

Ronald Reagan State Building

300 South Spring Street

Los Angeles, California

AGENDA

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks (10:00–10:15 a.m.)

- Hon. Carlos R. Moreno, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California
Chair, California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care

II. Prevention and Permanency Recommendations: Ensuring that All Children Have a Safe, Stable and Permanent Home (10:15–11:00 a.m.)

- David Sanders, Executive Vice President of Systems Improvement, Casey Family Programs
Former Director, Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services
- Regina, Parent, Orange County; Introduced by Ms. Lori Spinella, Deputy Public Defender, Orange County Public Defenders Office
- Mr. Sean Guthrie, Student, California State University – Fullerton; Former Los Angeles County Foster Youth
- Evangelina Reina, Supervising Children's Social Worker, Los Angeles Department of Social Services

III. Court Reform Recommendations: Changing the Way Dependency Courts Do Business (11:00–11:45 a.m.)

- Hon. Margaret Henry, Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
- Regina Deihl, Executive Director, Legal Advocates for Permanent Parenting
- Kenneth Krekorian, Executive Director, Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers
- Leslie Heimov, Executive Director, Los Angeles Children's Law Center

IV. Lunch Break *(11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.)*

V. Collaboration Recommendations: Increasing Collaboration Between Courts and Our Partners *(12:30–1:15 p.m.)*

- Hon. Carolyn Kirkwood, Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Orange
- Frank Ospino, Supervising Attorney, Orange County Public Defender's Office
- Michelle Lustig, Foster Youth Services Coordinator, San Diego Department of Education
- Hon. William A. Thorne, Jr., Associate Presiding Judge, Utah Court of Appeal; Tribal Court Judge

VI. Resources and Funding Recommendations: Finding the Resources to Get the Job Done *(1:15–2:00 p.m.)*

- Robert C. Fellmeth, Price Professor of Public Interest Law, University of San Diego School of Law; Director, Children's Advocacy Institute
- Lisa Parrish, Deputy Director, Los Angeles Department of Children & Family Services
- Bonnie Armstrong, Director of Strategic Consulting, Los Angeles County, Casey Family Programs
- Tony Thompson, Student, California State University – Los Angeles; Former Los Angeles County Foster Youth

VII. Public Comment Period *(2:00–2:55 p.m.)*

VII. Concluding Remarks *(2:55 p.m.)*

- Hon. Carlos R. Moreno